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WORLD CONFERENCE NEEDED.
(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 24.
Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary for Home Affairs, in a by-election speech at Burnley, declared that the peace treaties had failed and the Government's task was to arrest the demoralisation, prevent further economic ruin, and establish real peace.

The Government had to restore trade and commerce and place them on such a firm foundation that never again would civilisation be threatened by a similar experience.

Therefore the Government must insist on revision of the Treaty of Versailles as soon as possible and solution of the problem of reparations.

The Premier was trying to create the necessary atmosphere and he was hopeful steps would be taken through a world conference or the League of Nations, or both, to see whether we could not return to the position taken up by the late Dr. Woodrow Wilson and the policy of Allied statesmen between 1915 and 1917.

TIED OF LIFE.
WOMAN'S LEAP TO DEATH.
CHILDREN ALSO KILLED.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 24.
The woman killed through falling from Westminster Cathedral has been identified as Mrs. Davey, of Hammersmith.

The children killed were her two daughters aged four and eight years.

The woman is said to have left a note to her husband saying she was tired of life.

An earlier cable stated that a woman and two children had been killed by falling from the top of the tower of Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral.

SETTLE AT ONCE.
DOCKERS' UNANIMOUS MANDATE.
STEVEDORES DISSENT.

LONDON, February 24.
A mass meeting of Hull dockers overwhelmingly passed a resolution in favour of accepting the employers' offer.

Newcastle and Bristol strikers also voted for acceptance.

LONDON, February 24.
In addition to the dockers at Hull, Newcastle and Bristol, a meeting of 5,000 Liverpool dockers enthusiastically agreed to accept the employers' offer. There were only three dissentients.

An overflow meeting of 1,500 dockers unanimously voted for acceptance of the offer.

LONDON, February 24.
The Glasgow dockers at a mass meeting have overwhelmingly favoured acceptance of the employers' offer, but meetings of members of the Stevedores' Union at Poplar and Canningtown have decided to continue the strike pending a settlement of their demand for an increase of half a crown day and 25 per cent on piece work rates.

BACK TO WORK TO-MORROW.
LONDON, February 25.
Yesterday's mass meetings of dockers throughout the country without exception decided in favour of resuming work, which is thus inevitable to-morrow, except in the case of the stevedores whose union claims 25,000 members mostly in London.

FIGHTING DISEASE.
LEAGUE COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS.
SPECIAL BUREAU.

GENEVA, February 24.
The Hygiene Committee of the League of Nations, after sitting ten days, has concluded its work. The Committee recommends the creation of an Epidemics Bureau in one of the Far Eastern ports to be chosen by the Governments interested; also the transmission to all Far Eastern Governments the report of the commission of enquiry containing the draft of the sanitary convention between these countries. The Committee decided to institute an enquiry into malaria in Albania, Greece and Persia in accordance with a request from these countries; also to enquire with regard to epidemics of plague from anthracis typhus in Russia.

COMING FRENCH ELECTIONS.
SOCIALISTS' CONFIDENT.

PARIS, February 25.
M. Briand, former Premier, speaking at a Radical Socialist banquet at Carcassonne, prophesied certain victory for the Left parties in the forthcoming elections, provided the Republicans made common cause.

M. Briand advocated the creation of an atmosphere of peace in which Germany would feel her neighbours would enable her to achieve a peace that was real.

BULGARIA A REPUBLIC?
REPORTED REVOLUTION.

ATHENS, February 24.
The newspapers publish rumours that a Communist revolution has broken out in Bulgaria and that a republic has been established. The rumours add that King Boris has been sent to the country and that the Premier and certain ministers have been murdered. No confirmation is obtainable from official sources.

TOO MANY LAWS.
(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 24.
The Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, speaking to the American Law Institute, declared the multitude of laws passed in "the greatest law factory in the world," namely the 48 States and the Federal Government.

"The greatest duty of the hour," he said, "is not to make but to enforce the laws, thereby maintaining respect for them."

FOOTBALLS.
QUEEN'S COLLEGE MATCH.

The following will represent the staff v. the pupils in the A. C. football match to be played on the College ground, Cambridge Bay, at 3 p.m. sharp to-morrow:

Staff—Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Wallington, Mr. Handy, Mr. Ralston, Mr. Crook, Mr. Marriott, Mr. Evans, Mr. Meacock, Mr. Kay and Mr. Fletcher. Reserve: Mr. Tanner.

Pupils—Wong Pak-hay, Yek Chan-pang, Tong Tan-chiu, Lai Eze-chiu, Chan Kai-shun, Lam Tam-shing, Chan Han-keung, Lee Ping-tong, Tsoi Ping-sun, Lee Wing-choi and Yung Pook-ke. Reserve: Cheung Ming-keok.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

A Children's Health Conference will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week at the Y.M.C.A. From two to four each afternoon there will be a Child Welfare exhibit and lectures followed by demonstrations. Thorough examination will be made of children of pre-school age, and the mothers advised as to their care, but no medical treatment or medicines will be given.

Dr. S. To Wong is the conference physician and other doctors giving their services are: Dr. Wan Man-kei, Dr. Y. H. Ho, Mrs. I. Mitchell, M.D., Dr. T. P. Woo, Dr. Gladys Fraser, Dr. Chan Wai Chong, Dr. O. C. Wang, Dr. Wang Tse-chen, Dr. S. C. Ho and Dr. Howard Lee.

This conference is part of the programme of health education which has been carried on through the Baby Clinic, held weekly during the past three months, one in a room lent by the Y.M.C.A., and the other in the Y.W.C.A. rooms.

At present these clinics have fifty babies on the roll, forty of whom have been coming for longer than three months, and there is an average attendance of about seventeen.

A number of the children have a remarkable attendance record.

The purpose of this work is educational, that is to give to the Chinese parents of the community the opportunity of learning facts with regard to the care of their children, and the aim of this week's conference is to make more generally known the need and importance of permanent work for the health and protection of children.

ELECTIONS BARRED.

BERLIN, February 24.
A message from Munich states that the French occupation authorities have forbidden the holding of elections in the Palatinate on March 6 for the Bavarian Diet.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of February, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 28th, February 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY the 21st, February 1924, until THURSDAY 28th, February 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on MONDAY, 3rd March 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

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THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE Committee of the Catholic Union Club request the Catholic Community of Hongkong of all nationalities to attend a Meeting which will be held at the Club House, Glenealy, on SUNDAY, 24th February, at 11.30 a.m. to pass a vote of condolence to the Pro-Vicar Apostolic and his Clergy, and to the relatives of our late revered Bishop the Right Reverend Monsignor D. Pozzoni.

F. H. BARNES,
President,
Catholic Union Club.
Hongkong 22nd February, 1924.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 6th March, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March, 1924, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

NOTICE.

AN examination will be held shortly for the post of Boy Writer in H. M. Naval Yard, commencing pay \$36 a month.

Candidates must be over 15 and under 19 years of age on 1st March 1924, and applications to compete should be in candidates' own handwriting and should reach the Civil Secretary, H. M. Naval Yard, not later than the 8th March.

Subjects of examination, Arithmetic (including totals), Dictation and Handwriting.

S. COLLETT,
Civil Secretary.
H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

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BIRTHS.

XAVIER.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, a Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Xavier, a daughter.

FENTON.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, the wife of Sydney G. Fenton of a daughter.

ENCARNACAO.—On February 16, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Encarnacao, a daughter.

WHITELOCK.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitelock, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HENRY-KAHLER.—On February 20, 1924, at Shanghai, Francis Henry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Henry, of Exeter, England, to Thyra Joyce Kahler, daughter of Mrs. W. F. Kahler, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

BOWERN.—On January 13, 1924, at Boston, Lincolnshire, England, Ellen Bower, in her 78th year, the beloved mother of Thomas William Bower, of Shanghai.

ROSS.—On Sunday, February 17, 1924, at Shanghai, John Ross, Detective (Sub-Inspector) Shanghai Municipal Police, from appendicitis.

DEATH.

LANGLEY-SMITH.—On Tuesday, February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, Nelson Humphries Langley-Smith, son of William Langley-Smith, of Wotton Hill House, Gloucester, England, aged 32 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, FEB. 25, 1924.

OUR BANK.

Figuring high in the list of the world's ten greatest banking institutions—acting as a barometer in regard to Far Eastern trade, it is natural that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. command an interest a little beyond the ordinary. If anything the speech delivered on Saturday by the Chairman of the bank, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, has a greater interest than those which have been delivered by his predecessors. A careful reading, which we heartily recommend, will abundantly prove a somewhat otherwise loose statement. We confess to finding a document which in its carefully printed—a word has not been wasted in its compilation—beautifully phrased character, gives as newspapers are so fond of

expressing it, furiously to think; reviews the course of trade in its world-wide ramifications, and dwells on the situation in China in no half-hearted way, but with great courage and convincing truth that those who are responsible must if they be the patriots of their country they profess to be must give them not merely "furiously to think"—but furiously to move, to some form of concerted action to place their country in a sound position and in a position which from the very nature of her natural resources and the absence of any kind of enemies whatsoever, she should occupy. No more convincing evidence of the need of such a conference as that so earnestly promulgated by Sir Robert Ho Tung has been given than by those parts of Mr. Lang's speech referring specially to China. It must be humiliating for those most concerned to read the expressions of opinion based on experience concerning China and Japan and to observe how one nation stands in the eyes of at least the business community as compared with the other. We need not press home the truths of these opinions; they have been pressed home time and again, until the mind has become tinged with that gloomy pessimism which is to be noticed in parts of Mr. Lang's speech. A general commendation must be given to the statesmanlike nature of this annual oratorical, and oracular review of the bank's activities and to those forces or conditions which have either retarded or helped its onward course. The suggested dealing with the Customs surplus strikes us as a Solomon-like method of dealing with a not unsolvable difficulty—a suggestion which if adopted would do more than anything else to bring order out of chaos, peace out of turmoil, and a general unification which China so sadly needs. The general public will cordially endorse the general and deserved words of tribute paid to the Chief Manager of the bank and his assistants. The bank's Gibraltar unshakability remains—a tribute to sound administration, wise judgment and that unflinching sense of character which we may justly and modestly claim as the general trait of the British nation.

"Diaries."

Toby M.P. was not the first to see the wisdom of keeping a diary, and by no means the first to keep an interesting diary. But he is to be numbered amongst those, "in the swim" who saw the wisdom of "taking notes" and recording the incidents he witnessed, the people he met and the things they said. There is nothing much in that. We could all do it: our great difficulty is that we do not see any incidents worth recording or meet people whose opinions are worth noting or who, as it is said, "cut ice." That is a modest thought which we use against ourselves whenever the question of diary-keeping crops up. The habit of diary keeping, however, should be encouraged. We do not mean a series of prosaic entries which begin with the time of our rising, describe the nature of our food, and end up with—"Read 'If Winter Don't' not a bad book." Arnold Bennett has altered all that with his books—"Things that have interested me." They are not necessarily diaries in the sense that they record daily matters of interest. Arnold has simply noted for his own benefit primarily, the things which at odd times have appealed to his thought. Thus he goes to see Pavlova dance "The Dying Swan" and is enraged to hear a phlegmatic Englishman murmur "moultling" when a feather falls from Pavlova's dress. Or he records his wonderment that most prima donnas are—fat! Or he records the intensely interesting conversation with a lady admirer. "Toby M.P." and Arnold Bennett's methods may differ, but the idea both have embodied in their diaries, cannot be too strongly recommended. Write down what interested you yesterday or a title of the thoughts that beset you. Read them next week or better still next year. It is likely to do you a world of good, and the world a deal of good. Think it over. Who knows—you may be a second "Toby M.P." or, if it is possible, a second Arnold Bennett.

Luck.

Stories of luck are doubtless floating round in connection with the races, designed to raise our eyebrows and to instil in us some kind of superstitious belief that there is a destiny which shapes our sweep tickets buy them how we will. One "well known" resident tells a perfectly fascinating tale of luck which has only to be read to be disbelieved. His wife, he says, read his "fortune" in his tea cup. This is the old method of so swirling or whirling the remains of your cup into some convenient receptacle, that the leaves leave a design into which the imagination weaves anything and everything. Thus on the day in question—and it was a Sunday—the "well known" was assured money was coming to him—a great deal of it. The additional and traditional "long journey over the sea" was not added. Without undue haste he proceeded to acquire tickets in the draws promoted by the various Clubs, and also a through ticket covering the whole period of racing. His tickets panned out "peculiarly satisfactorily." One drew a horse that never faced the tape, but which earned \$26. Another drew a quadruplet that raced second and earned \$2,160. Yet another drew one that scraped in first and brought \$4,560, whilst another totted home third with a credit of \$750. This is unquestionably a record; but the through ticket did what through tickets never do, it won. And it won once on each day of the race netting just under \$10,000. This sudden and considerable accession of wealth naturally perturbed the fortunate one, until his perturbation came to an end by the Boy announcing the early morning tea. Lobster has now been eschewed with the determination to add a little more water to it. This last is a cryptic utterance which we do not profess to understand.

The art of book dedication is a fine one as we have ere this proved. Mr. William McFee writes a very nice one in his "Command." No names are given and we can imagine quite a lot of "those commanders" wondering if they are included. Here it is—
This book is inscribed to those commanders under whom the author has had the honour to serve, who have achieved firmness without asperity, tact and sympathy without interference and appreciation without fuss. It is inscribed to these gentlemen because while they lack the gift of self-advertisement, they have continued, in spite of the trials and exasperations of a seafaring existence, to engage the respect and affections of their lieutenants.
Mr. McFee's style is said to be similar to Joseph Conrad's. His books are certainly worth reading.

THE MODERN GIRL

is getting herself talked about. We seem to remember when it first commenced—certainly well before the war. Since the war, the modern one has brought down upon her curls which she has bobbed, all manner of things. But the opinions are not all one sided. The head of a large school for training Kindergarten School teachers declares from her experience that the ideal of the modern girl is not the girl who has a "riotous good time," but the one who is strong and sincere, who works while she works and plays while she plays; and who knows how to pray. "From such a standpoint, there is little to fear concerning the welfare of the coming generation."

When electricity began to GAS, make itself felt and seen, there were those who prophesied that gas, so far as illumination was concerned, had had its day. It appears that in 1923, the profits on gas undertakings at Home rose by \$5,500,000, which we understand, has made the Board of Trade feel that a fall in price is overdue.

Our tame statistician is engaged on graphs to show the number of turkeys imported, sold, eaten, destroyed, and how far they'd have reached if stretched on end. He does not know that the question has been raised why turkeys are so called. Here then is an illuminating discourse on the turkey. Turkeys were originally found in Peru, and the Spaniards brought some specimens to their own country, where the bird was called "Pera." The Spaniards imported some of the birds to India, and from India they found their way to France, where they were called "Poule d'Indes," and later simply "Dindes." Some of the birds were sent from India to the East Indies, where they were called "Kalkuthan Hun" was given to them. If there fore appears that turkeys were

called in various countries after the places from which they were obtained.

Early in the sixteenth century an English company, called "the Turkish Trading Company" introduced the birds into England, where they were called "turkey," probably on account of the name of that company. There is a description of a Christmas dinner:

Of turkeys fatte, and eke of plum puddinge,
That all a-lighte they to table brynge;
Nor thing we then of all the sorwe,
This rich food will cause us on the morwe.
After this turkey takes on a new interest for us.

The following FROM A "letter to the JAPANESE editor" from a SCHOOLBOY, a schoolboy in Japan recently appeared in the *New York Times*:
At the great earthquake disaster and the great fire this time, my heart first feel by thick kind of your country.
It is now, to lie in a heap by goods of kind for your States at pier in Tokyo and Yokohama.
We are looked this goods every time, when my heart was danced by anything out gratitude. My gratitude is beyond my power of expression. Your States is very kind.
We are saying: "America is very friendliness country," all the time.
I am only 14 years of age. I am very glad for your kind department.
From a Japanese boy.
—ITARU SHIROTA.

To-day's Poem.

(Song.)
Linger no more
Upon the brink
Of song;
Plunge boldly, or
These swelling tides will shrink
To sand, ere long.

Oh! claim her now:
Thy joy, unproved—
Fly on!
Remember how
Cold Artemis with lofty passion
Loved
Endymion.

Plunge, soar; but still
Thy dream too high
Furthest
Pause not until
Joy through a drift of stars or
sea or sky
Shall sing to you!
—Margaret Sackville.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 25.

1662 With Mr. Moore to the Coffee-house, where among other things the great talk was of the effects of this late great wind. . . . We have letters from the forest of Deane, that above 1,000 oaks and as many beeches are blown down in one walk there.—Pepys.

DANGER OF TOO MUCH LEARNING.

To myself personally, as an exception to the rule that opposites attract, a very well-informed person is an object of terror. His mind seems to be so full of facts that you cannot, as it were, see the wood for the trees; there is no room for perspective, no lawns and glades for pleasure and repose, no vistas through which to view some towering bill or elevated temple; everything in that crowded space seems of the same same value: he speaks with no more awe of "King Lear" than of the last Cobden prize essay; he has swallowed them both with the same ease, and got the facts safe in his pouch; but he has no time to ruminate, because he must still be swallowing; nor does he seem to know what even Macbeth, with Banquo's murderers then at work, found leisure to remember—that good digestion must wait on appetite, if health is to follow both.

—James Rhoades.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT 3.

February 25.—Coronet Theatre: Anita Stewart in "Mary Rogan."
February 25.—Star Theatre: Sydney Chaplin in "King, Queen, Joker."
February 25.—World Theatre: Dorothy Revier in "The Broadway Madonna."
February 25.—Theatre Royal: "The Beggar's Opera." 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

February 29.—At City Hall, Fancy Dress Ball, in aid of the S.P.C.A., 9.30 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

March 2.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
February 26.—Lammert Bros., at Clavadel, 298 The Peak, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.
February 28.—Lammert Bros., at No. 6, Duddell Street, valuable office furniture, etc., 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 27.—Yearly meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., Noon.
February 28.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing Company, at St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 11 a.m.
March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 2/4; on Shanghai 71.

Seven cases of small-pox and one of enteric fever, all Chinese, were notified during the week-end.

The Quaints delighted a full house at the Theatre on Saturday with another rendering of "The Nine O'clock Revue." To-night they play "The Beggar's Opera."

Winning tickets in the Chungking Champions run on February 8 were: Nos. 906 (first prize); 473 (second prize); 471 (third prize); ponies being Hans, Grey Lad and Old Bill. Nos. 545, 102, 402, 754 and 725 drew unplaced starters (\$36 each).

The entries for the annual Marathon race in connection with the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association close to-morrow (Tuesday), the race being run on Thursday (February 28th) starting from St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. The prizes will given immediately after the race, in the Church Hall, by Mrs. Lindsay. The Prizes are now on view at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh Ltd.

Five solicitors were engaged in a case before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning when seven Chinese were charged with stealing and receiving ship's stores and passengers' effects from the s.s. "Yuen-sang." The Rev. Father Noval and Botelho were the complainant and presiding. Mr. R. E. A. Webster, who presided, stated that he had no evidence against No 5 defendant (represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada), and No 6 who were discharged. Mr. Wadson appeared for No 1, Mr. A. E. Hall for No 4 and Mr. Russ for No 7. With the exception of those discharged, the defendants were all remanded.

The result of the drawing of the Chinese Club Hongkong Derby Sweep Tickets is as follows:—

Pony No.	Pony Name.	Ticket No.
1	Musketeer	02438
2	Jadestone	13526
3	Rifleman	13312
4	Gymp	15235
5	Narcissus	08238
6	Sovereign Bill	16900
7	Silver Bill	02092
8	Desert Star	19973
9	Silver Leaf	18106
10	The Woodpecker	16812
3rd Prize		
11	Epeus	07703
12	Phiggs	12931
13	Loch Katrine	06808
14	Loch Spey	07070
15	Gray Dragon	16338
16	King Pippin	12908
17	Dark Mouse	02417
18	Mopoke 2nd Prize	12144
19	Baronsfield	08640
20	Courtfield 1st Prize	10057
21	Hannahfield	17457
22	Brackenfield	19782
23	Nastaran II	14596
24	Peter Pan	06354
25	Magnificent Dahlia	18017
26	Jewel Dahlia II	19432
27	Elipse Dahlia	04029
28	Gorgeous Dahlia	17808
29	Sceptre Dahlia	12093
30	Uncle George	09133
31	Uncle Bill	02975
32	Golden Jubilee	12240
33	Silver Jubilee	07844
34	Benschie	02451
35	Gaudie	07859
36	Forbar	11480
37	Arizona	08962

Starters.

PIRATE SCARE.

"ON LEE" MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

What actually happened on the s.s. "On Lee" when a number of shots were fired about two hours after leaving Hongkong for Kowloon on Wednesday night, will probably remain a mystery. The steamer has been released from police surveillance and will resume its run to-night. After examination by the police, the six Indian guards have been ordered to resume duty on the ship.
It is stated that the owners of the ship, the compradore department and the crew are unanimous in their opinion that a gang of pirates were on board, that the latter did commence an attack but were thwarted by the prompt action of the chief officer and guards and the failure of the pirates to obtain the ship's armory.

Yesterday a representative of the vernacular papers was invited to inspect the steamer when revolver bullet-marks on a ventilator and the boat-deck galley were pointed out to him. The claim was made that these shots must have been fired from the stern towards the bridge and, in any case, could not have been made by the guards who are all stated to have used carbines and to have fired from the bridge towards the stern. An argument put forward to refute the statement that the pirates (if on board) would not have submitted without showing fight, was the early appearance on the scene of two or three other river vessels and the meeting with No. 2 police launch. According to the Chinese papers, the ship's company hint that all the passengers in their examination by the police, were afraid to say that any pirates were seen for fear of revenge, it being alleged that the gang threw their arms overboard when they realised their position.

In spite of the foregoing, there are many thoroughly conversant with every phase of West River shipping who believe that there has been some misunderstanding. Their views were recorded in the *China Mail* of last Thursday and Friday.
"Tai Lee" Piracy.
Of the two Indian guards who were wounded when the "Tai Lee" sister-ship of the "On Lee," was pirated some time ago, one has now recovered and the other is still undergoing treatment in the medical mission at Pak-kai. The case against the six alleged members of the crew is due to be heard on Thursday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Bishop Banister, Mr. A. E. Dome, Mrs. N. L. Smith returned to the Colony by the s.s. "President Grant."

The agenda for to-morrow afternoon's Sanitary Board meeting includes the appointment of Mr. N. L. Smith to be President of the departure on leave of Mr. G. R. Sayer, and of Mr. A. G. M. Severn, M.D., D.P.H., to be additional Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Shanghai papers record the death, which took place at the General Hospital of Detective-Sub-Inspector John Ross, one of the youngest and most promising members of the Shanghai Municipal Police detective force, after an illness of about a week's duration.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, last week, when Miss Thyra Joyce Kahler, daughter of the late Mr. W. F. Kahler, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and Mrs. Kahler, was married to Mr. Francis Henry, son of Mr. Malcolm Henry, The Very Rev. C. J. F. Symonds officiated.

Funerals of two well-known Chinese, who have lived in Hongkong for some time, took place during the week-end. The first was that of Mr. Chan Kung-yu, late compradore to Messrs. Douglas Laprak & Co. F. E. the Governor was represented at the ceremony and Government officials present included the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halliday, Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The other funeral was that of Mr. Li Nook-lau who was a mandarin of some note before the Revolution.

The *N.C.D. News* records death of Mr. Nelson Humphries Langley-Smith, which occurred at the Victoria Nursing Home. The late Mr. Langley-Smith, who was only in his 32nd year, was a son of W. Langley-Smith, of Wotton Hill House, Gloucester, England. He was called to the Bar in 1918, a member of Gray's Inn, and a graduate from Queen's College, Cambridge. After some experience in practice at Home, he came out to Shanghai, early in 1920 to join the firm of Messrs. Hannan's and was admitted to practice at the Bar of H. M. Supreme Court for China on April 15 of that year.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF CO., LTD.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and supporting him were Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland, Allan Cameron, J. P. Warren, O. I. Ellis, and A. S. Gubbay (Directors), and Mr. W. S. Brown (Secretary).

Shareholders present were: Messrs. P. Tester, J. T. Bagram, F. H. Crapnell, F. Ellis, L. Tobias, J. M. Alves, A. H. Carroll, P. Yvanovich, W. Logan, Kelly Sayce, Lau Moklin, C. H. W. Kew, I. S. Perry, P. C. Potts, Li Pang-sun, and A. Nissim.

In presenting the Director's report, the Chairman said:—
Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, follow the usual custom and take them as read. The balance available for appropriation, including the sum of \$303,493.66 brought forward from the previous year, is \$1,060,819.20. Your Directors recommend dealing with this amount as follows:—

Pay a dividend of \$6 per share absorbing	\$480,000.00
Pay a bonus of \$3 per share absorbing	240,000.00
Transfer to Equalisation Fund	50,000.00
Carry forward to new account	290,819.20
	\$1,060,819.20

and I trust this will meet with your approval.

The typhoons in July and August last caused considerable damage to our property, chiefly to the roofs of the godowns, to the West Point wharves, and to the Praya at Kowloon. The total cost of the repairs was \$74,255.48. Of this amount, \$21,491.54 was recovered under the insurance policies in respect of our wharves, and the balance of \$52,763.94 has been debited to profit and loss account. The damage would undoubtedly have been greater had we not received warning on each occasion in ample time to get our launches and lighters away to shelter. We have recently contracted with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. for the construction of a short, powerful tug, to assist in berthing steamers. It will also be used for towing lighters.

Arrangements have been made with the Government for the continuation of the siding from the railway station into our premises. The work has been put in hand and will shortly be completed. To enable us to take care of heavy railway or other material, an order has been placed for a locomotive steam crane capable of lifting up to 25 tons. This siding will place us in a favourable position for expeditiously handling any class of cargo to or from the railway. The work at the wharves has increased materially both in regard to the number of ships and tonnage of cargo, and the question of further wharfage accommodation is engaging the attention of your Directors.

There have been rumours from time to time that we had disposed of the timber yard. We have not done so, and perhaps it will interest shareholders if I state the position. Two years ago it became obvious that a larger area than we had available for timber was necessary, and negotiations were begun with the Government for another site. So far nothing has been arranged, but I believe and hope that we shall be able to secure a suitable site in the near future. Meantime, it has been necessary to rent a large area of railway property to store the timber that could not be accommodated in the yard. I am unable to say whether all or any of our land will be sold when it is no longer required for timber. But it is quite possible that your Directors may decide to retain all of it, as we find the ground floor area on our Marine Lots is insufficient for our needs, and expansion is only possible on the land now used for timber. I do not think that there is anything further that calls for comment, and now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. When these have been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Kelly Sayce asked several questions, which with Mr. Bernard's replies were as follows:—

(1)—The balance sheet shows Sundry creditors, \$454,985. Would you please explain to me why we should owe such a large amount when we have about a million dollars cash at the bank?

What is this money owing for?—It is rather difficult for me to say now what the Sundry creditors are. If you would care to call at the office sometime you could see there.

(2)—The balance sheet also shows an expenditure of \$40,759.25 leaving a credit balance of \$59,240.75 out of our special repair fund of \$100,000 last year. Could you tell us on what portion of the Company's property this money was spent?—The amount of \$100,000 was put aside last year mostly for the re-conditioning of lighters and this amount of \$40,000, was expended almost entirely on re-conditioning of lighters.

(3)—Could you please tell us if any offers have been made for our timber yard and if so, how much was the offer and why was it refused?—I have said that there have been rumours from time to time that we had disposed of it, but we have not done so. No offer has been made.

(4)—Do you think that the money which you are earning in storage of timber justifies us in keeping the yard as a valuable piece of land and not selling it while the boom is on? I am sure the earning is too small to justify our keeping it.—The timber yard is an essential part of our business as the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown and Wharf Company and we cannot afford to give it up. This property we have used for godown purposes.

(5)—It is rumoured that you have acquired temporary property in Kowloon on the railway property (Kowloon Bay) a large piece of land for storing your timber in future. Is there any truth in this?—We have been leasing part of the railway property for about two years. We are only leasing it and have not bought it.

(6)—I see there is a large decrease in our earnings last year. To what do you attribute the falling off, as it seems there are many more steamers using the wharf than in the previous year?—As a result of the strike in the early part of 1922 our receipts for storage were enormous and the figures for 1922, storage and godown rent amounted to \$936,000; in 1923, \$807,000, whereas wharf work in 1922 was \$715,000 and in 1923, \$809,000.

(7)—It is rumoured that you are contemplating selling some of your godowns at West Point. I fear some of these godowns are not utilised. Can you enlighten me?—I am sure I am not responsible for the rumours circulated. If various people circulated rumours, they must be responsible for them. (Laughter.) Mr. Sayce suggested that in the interests of the shareholders, the Company followed the practice of other Companies, by publishing the figures and the dividend proposed, subject to audit, the same day as the meeting.

The Chairman replied that it was not the custom and asked Mr. Sayce, if it were his wish.

Mr. Sayce, replied that it was up to the other shareholders to acquiesce.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Sir Paul Chater and passed unanimously.

Mr. J. T. Bagram proposed and Mr. C. H. W. Kew seconded the resolution confirming the appointment of Messrs. Allan Cameron, A. S. Gubbay, O. I. Ellis, and J. P. Warren as Directors.

The resolution re-electing the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. Allan Cameron as Directors, was proposed by Mr. P. Tester and seconded by Mr. I. S. Perry.

Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$700 each, on the proposal of Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. K. Sayce.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman announced that dividend warrants could be obtained on application on and after February 26.

Mr. Aquith, replying to a communication from Paisley business men, says he sees no reason for recording from his already expressed and considered opinions.

On a charge of treasonable conspiracy against the Soviet Government, Trotsky has, according to a despatch received in Paris, been arrested by order of Zinovieff.

Speaking at Plymouth, Sir Donald Maclean suggested a new formula—support the new Government when it was right, and oppose it when it was wrong. A Labour Government, he said, should and would be judged on its merits.

It is announced by the Admiralty that all hope of saving the men on the submarine L 24 has been abandoned. Rough weather still prevents any attempt being made to raise the vessel. Messages of sympathy from many foreign countries have been received.

AMOY PIRACY SEQUEL

SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN HONGKONG.

CRIMINAL COURT TRIAL.

Piracy, the possession of stolen property and the possession of arms were the indictments preferred against five Chinese—four men and a woman—brought before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a jury at the February criminal sessions which began this morning.

The Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C.), who prosecuted, explained to the jury that usually our Courts had jurisdiction only over British territory, British subjects and British ships. In the case of piracy, however, which was an offence against mankind, they had jurisdiction no matter where upon the high seas piracy occurred and no matter what the nationality of the ship.

Commenting upon the quaint wording of the indictment, which set out that "upon the high seas and against the peace of Our Lord the King," the prisoners "did assault and put in fear of their lives certain mariners and other persons," the Hon. Mr. Kemp said this simply meant that the offence was committed in some place and in such circumstances as would enable the King's Courts to take cognisance of the crime. The punishment for piracy, the Attorney General went on to say, "used to be death but now the penalty was the same as for robbery on land."

Mr. Kemp said the case was rather a complicated one, there being about 24 witnesses and over 50 exhibits. The ship concerned was the "Ka Ngo," a small Chinese ship which plied between Amoy and a place north of it called Chichow. On December 5 the "Ka Ngo" left Amoy for Chichow carrying about 400 passengers, some of whom were returning from Java and Singapore to their homes in the province of Fukien while others were pig dealers who usually travel on this route.

When the "Ka Ngo" was about 45 miles out of Amoy a gang of pirates took charge of the ship and plundered the passengers. Shots were fired but as far as was known nobody was hurt. The pirates had the ship steered southward along the coast and on the morning of December 7 junks and sampans came out from the shore in response to shots and took off them and their loot. The coxswain believed that they had then come about 260 miles south which would bring them somewhere near Bias Bay. After the pirates had left the coxswain took the ship back to Amoy.

Ten of the passengers who gave evidence at the Police Court placed their losses at \$30,000 but it was impossible, Mr. Kemp indicated, to say what the total losses were. About half of the money taken was in the form of Yuan Shiki silver dollars, a number of which were found in the prisoner's possession. The passengers had also a great deal of jewellery stolen from them and some of this was also recovered from the prisoners.

Describing how the prisoners came to be arrested Mr. Kemp said that two of the men were pointed out to a Chinese detective in Yau-mat on December 14. One man had two gold watches on him and the other had a gold wrist watch and a gold ring, \$700 in notes, a Dutch coin and two silver dollars. The former gave an address in Canton Road where the police found the woman prisoner and another of the men. A dagger was found in a bed under a sheet and a box claimed by the woman was found to contain a quantity of jewellery, besides a large sum of money in Yuan Shiki dollars and banknotes. Told to turn out her pockets, the woman produced six rolls of banknotes, both Hongkong and Fokien. Other jewellery and further sums of money were found in the same cubicle. It was afterwards ascertained that one of the men had changed into Hongkong money 650; Yuan Shiki dollars and 875 miscellaneous dollars on December 14 and had on December 10 changed \$1717 worth of Chinese 20-cent pieces and \$420 worth of miscellaneous coins into Hongkong money. On December 18 Inspector Murphy went back to the premises in Canton Road and found an automatic pistol there. The fifth prisoner was arrested on January 6 when the police were searching the passengers aboard the s.s. "Hanoi," and was identified by certain witnesses as being one of the men who plied the "Ka Ngo."

It might seem strange, Mr. Kemp suggested, that these men, after a piracy of this magnitude, should not be defended by counsel. The police had, however, he pointed out, seized all their resources that were known of in Hongkong. It was quite possible that there might be other loot elsewhere but this might be in the hands of confederates who were unwilling to part with it to help their friends or might be that the prisoners had not been able to communicate with their friends to obtain the necessary funds for instructing the defence.

The hearing of evidence is proceeding. As it is expected that the case will occupy a day or two the remaining jurors were discharged until Wednesday morning at 10.30 a.m.

KOWLOON BURGLARIES.

YOUNG MAN GETS ONE YEAR'S JAIL.

ROBBERIES CONFESSED.

Covered with ornaments and other articles, counsel's table in Mr. J. R. Wood's court at the Magistrate's this morning had the appearance of a stall in an auction-room. Ranging from a tankard to a salsuma vase, the property represented "swag" taken by a young Bill Sykes from four European residences in Kowloon and recovered by the police.

Carlos Santos, unemployed, of No. 40, Park Street, stood in the dock on four charges of housebreaking and theft, details of which were as follows:—

From No. 9, Chatham Road, residence of Mr. M. J. Percin, on December 9 last, one tantalus, one white horse and figure, one white marble vase, one salsuma vase and a pair of brass vases.

From No. 3, Chatham Road, (Miss M. Gomez), on December 11, one porcelain vase, a pair of white porcelain figures and a clock.

From No. 5, Amoi Villas, (Mr. F. G. Herridge), on February 16, one Japanese bronze vase, a silver photo-frame, eight silver vases and a brass figure. Only a part of this lot was recovered.

From No. 13, Chatham Road, (Mr. Bennett), on December 19, a clock, two silver photo-frames, a silver-plated calendar and a felt hat, the last two articles being still missing.

Defendant pleaded guilty to all charges and asked to be dealt with at once although Detective Sergeant Dording applied for a remand. His Worship imposed sentence of six months' hard labour on each charge, the first two to run consecutively and the other two, concurrently, or twelve months in all.

INTERPORT SHOOTING.

SHANGHAI DEFEAT HONGKONG.

Shanghai, February 23. In the Interport rifle shooting, Shanghai Scottish v. Hongkong Scottish, Shanghai scored 944.

The individual scores were as follows:—

Quartermaster-Sergt. Gates	98
Sergt. Campbell	99
Sergt. Mackintosh	96
Sergt. Wilson	91
Corpl. Rait	88
Lieut. Corpl. Bell	102
Lieut. Corpl. Stewart	82
Pte. Wilson	106
Pte. Smith	84
Pte. Sinclair	133

The Hongkong Scottish fired off at Saturday under very adverse weather conditions. Hongkong scored only 833, being beaten by 11.

Part two of the Annual Musketry Course was fired, and the possible per man was thus 115 points. Ten men fired on each side, all counting.

Hongkong scores follow:—
Corpl. Goodman 97
Lieut. Logan 96
Private Swan 95
Private Carrie 93
Private Cudhill 91
Corpl. Smyth 79
Lieut. Ralston 78
Private Hope 73
Corpl. Young 71
Corpl. Greig 60

Total 833

This was the first annual Interport Volunteer Shoot. Hongkong fired off yesterday at 3 p.m. and Shanghai at 7.30 a.m. The totals fired from the north are nothing short of wonderful and they show ability which we can scarcely hope to compete against successfully. The Empire in Hongkong was Capt. L. D. Jell, R.G.A. and Mr. R. Sutherland, who takes an active interest, as chairman of the St. Andrew's Society, in the Hongkong Scottish, was present throughout the shoot. It is hoped that a trophy will be presented for annual competition and perhaps other parts might be induced to compete.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY V. NAVY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI. in league match against the Navy 1st XI on the University ground on Wednesday next at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—E. K. Quick, M. H. Roffey, A. S. Hett, R. A. Ponsonby, F. W. M. Gilling, A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), H. N. Balhetcher, T. O. Yeow, M. B. Osman, D. Laing and B. P. Ng. The 1st XI. friendly match vs. the Garrison has been scratched owing to the members of the Garrison team having Camp and Manoeuvres on that day.

Commenting on Lord Leverhulme's opinion that the "White Australia" policy is retarding the development of the Commonwealth, Mr. Bruce declares that he knows of no reason for regarding Lord Leverhulme as an authority on the settlement of Australia. The problem had many elements more vital, and more important than the commercial aspect from which Lord Leverhulme appeared to have viewed it.

DOWN WITH THE 'FLU.



A Reuter cable from Rome states that the King of Italy is confined to his room with an attack of influenza. He has postponed his visit to Florence on the occasion of the proclamation of the annexation of that city.

MR. SHAW'S ORIGINALS.

"NO MAN IS SCRUPULOUS ALL ROUND."

In a letter quoted by Mr. H. C. Duffin in "Cornhill," Mr. Bernard Shaw says:—

"Some characters like Dabedat, Morell, and Mrs. Clandon are compounded from several living originals; in others, such as Bluntish, Sergius, and the Waiter in 'You Never Can Tell,' the dramatist has altered the complexion beyond recognition; in others (Cokane, Sartorius, Julia, Vivio, Warren, Crofts, etc.) models are private persons whose names would mean nothing except to their acquaintances; and only a very few, like Cusins and Lady Britton, are so close as to preserve on the stage their actual condition and relations in real life. Some, by the way, are lifted straight out of Dickens; for instance, Mrs. Dudgeon and Bohun (Mrs. Clemens and Jeggars). Mendoza, the brigand who makes verses and recites them to his captives, was invented by Conan Doyle. The sulky Social-Democrat is the late Harry Quelch, probably the latest Harry Quelch, probably unknown to you. The anarchist is a little man with whom I once worked in an office, but that sort of man is in my family, and that sort of man, you will see from these examples, that there is in my plays, and indeed in all fiction, an element due altogether to the purely accidental personal experiences of the author, which defies exegesis."

"The character of Dabedat illustrates one of my pet theses, which is that no man is scrupulous all round. Each man has, according to his faculties and interests, certain points of honour whilst in matters that do not interest him he is careless and unscrupulous. One of the several models who sat unconsciously for Dabedat was morbidly scrupulous as to his religious and political convictions, and would have gone to the guillotine sooner than recant a syllable of them. But he had absolutely no conscience about money or women: he was a shameless seducer and borrower, not to say a thief. In contrast with men who were scrupulously correct in their family and business life he seemed a blackguard, and was a blackguard; but there were occasions when they cut a very poor figure beside him—occasions when loyalty to their convictions called for some risk and sacrifice. When Dabedat says on his deathbed that he has fought the good fight, he is quite serious. He means that he has not painted little girls playing with fox-terriers to be exhibited and sold at the Royal Academy, instead of doing the best he could in his art."

There were several traffic accidents during the week-end. A Chinese girl had an arm fractured through not getting out of the way of a taxi in Queen's Road Central. Motor-car No. 469 knocked down an old man in Des Voeux Road Central. A labourer was injured by car No. 839 in Praya East and an earth-coiler was knocked down by a tram in Yee Wo Street.

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"KALDEA"	5,273	29th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KALDEA"	5,273	5th Apr.	Malacca, London & Antwerp
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"KALDEA"	5,273	19th Apr.	Malacca, London & Antwerp
"KALDEA"	5,273	26th Apr.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way
"KALDEA"	5,273	3rd May	Malacca, London & Antwerp
"KALDEA"	5,273	10th May	Malacca, London & Antwerp
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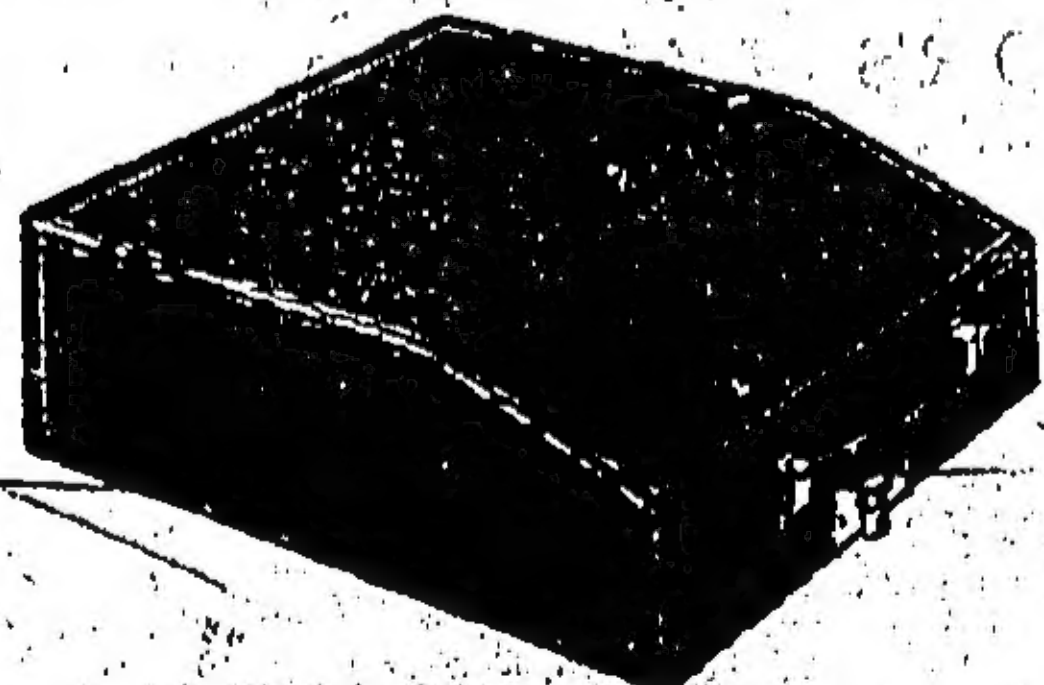
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